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Subject: Antitrust settlement between Microsoft, the DoJ and nine states.

Gentlemen!

I understand that Monday Jan.28 is the last day for public comments on the subject of this e-mail.

Respectfully, as a shareholder, as a Microsoft software user since day one, as a citizen, believe that all this matter has to stop and that the proposed settlement should be accepted by all parties. The terms of the settlement are tough, but are reasonable and fair to all parties, and meet, and perhaps go beyond, the ruling by the Court of Appeals, and represent the best opportunity for the industry and everybody to move the hell forward!

It is incredible to me that "these pain in the ass" of the AOL subsidiary "Netscape Communications Co." have the balls to still screw around with this matter, now with a private lawsuit! I believe that you guys at the DoJ have to read of the most important industry analysts, including James K. Glassman,
(<http://www.techcentralstation.com/1051/techwrapper.jsp?PID=1051-250&CID=1051-012302E>) who specifically says:

"Instead of straightening out its business problems, AOL has decided to spend its time and effort filing lawsuits against tough competitors - a petty, distracting pursuit that won't help AOL or, for that matter, the U.S. economy, which depends on firms like Microsoft for the innovation necessary to bring about a technology revival."

As an AOL shareholder I could not be more in agreement!

Please stop all this nonsense for the Industry and the Country by starting to enforce the subject settlement.

Thanks for your time and attention

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